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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS MALAWI

1. SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PIK BOTHA DEPARTED PRETORIA SEPTEMBER 20 FOR LILONGWE, WHERE HE WILL REPORTEDLY MEETINGWITH MALAWIAN PRESIDENT BANDA FOR "TALKS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL IMPORTANCE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA." THIS WILL REPORTEDLY BE BOTHA'S FIRST VISIT TO MALAWI AND HIS FIRST MEETING WITH BANDA. BOTHA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRAND FOURIE, AND CHIEF OF THE AFRICA SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS R. KILLEN. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO PRETORIA SEPTEMBER 21.

2. COMMENT: BOTHA'S VISIT, AT LEAST IN PART, SHOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBABLY BE SEEN, TOGETHER WITH HIS RECENT GENEVA MEETING WITH IVORY COAST PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, AS AN ATTEMPT TO SHORE UP SOUTH AFRICA'S CONNECTIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA. BOTHA'S TRIP COMES ON THE HEELS OF THE VISIT TO MALAWI BY SITHOLE AND MUZOREWA. PRESUMABLY BOTHA AND BANDA WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE RHODESIAN SITUATION. BOWDLER

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